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Wakefield Gridders Launch Night Practice For Mt. Vernon

For more than a month there was only darkness on the South Four Mile Run playfield, but last night the lights were turned on again, this time for football. Wakefield's gridders were out in freezing temperature to practice for tomorrow night's engagement against Mount Vernon at the lat-

ters field, game time being 8:00 p.m.

Head coach Dick "Tank" Johnson had the boys running a rough scrimmage, and despite the chill in the air, they performed well. For about an hour and a half the Warriors ran, passed, blocked and performed their duties well, in an

effort to acclimate themselves to the lights. The Mount Vernon game will be the first night tilt ever to be played by Wakefield.

Facing the first foe which has played a Washington-Lee team, the Warriors are out for more than a victory, as they will strive to show that they are rapidly advancing to a Northern Virginian power. The Mounts lost to the Generals by a 47-6 count, but have improved since that October 15th engagement, and now show two victories in seven games, one a 13-0 conquest over Annandale, whom Wakefield defeated 27-0.

Big man to watch for Mount Vernon will be their quarterback, Zehring, who is a good field general as well as passer, who likes right end Lakey as his favorite target. Both Hicks and Petitt, halfbacks, are flashy runners, and should give the Warriors defensive alignment a thorough going over. On the line, tackles Monroe and

Belt and guards Moon and Gray poise a sturdy forward wall, which will be subjected to many of the hard smashing running plays of the Green and White. Coach John Yednock has a good team, and Wakefield knows it despite the Mounts losing record to date.

Coach Johnson was well pleased with the return of Ed and Steve Hall, both just returned to the Warrior squad after minor injuries, and expects them to start in tomorrow's game. Tommy Hawkins will miss the game, as his shoulder muscles are still subjected to treatment. Other probable starters on offense are quarterback Henry Mayo, still nursing a bruised hand, and Al Lederle with a bruised leg. Defensively, except for Hawkins, Wakefield will be ready and eager to tackle the Majors with a stalwart line that has yielded but 31 points to seven opponents.